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SUBJECT: REPLACING BATTLE DRESS UNIFORMS AND COMBAT BOOTS FOR SOLDIERS RETURNING FROM OIF / OEF DEPLOYMENTS.

(U) REFERENCES:

- A. (U) ARMY REGULATION 700-84
- B. (U) CTA 50-900, TABLE 4

(U) PURPOSE. THIS MESSAGE DIRECTS UNITS TO PROCURE AND EXCHANGE BATTLE DRESS UNIFORMS (BDU) FOR SOLDIERS THAT DEPLOYED TO OIF / OEF WITHOUT BEING ISSUED DESERT CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORMS (DCU) AND WERE THEREFORE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE BDU.

1. (U) SITUATION. SEVERAL USAREUR UNITS IN SUPPORT OF OIF & OEF OPERATIONS WERE REQUIRED TO DEPLOY IN THE BDU INSTEAD OF THE DCU. AS A RESULT OF HAVING TO DEPLOY IN THE BDU, SOLDIERS' UNIFORMS WERE PLACED IN A CLIMATE THAT CAUSED THE UNIFORMS TO WEAR AT AN EXTREMELY ACCELERATED PACE WHICH RENDERED THEM UNSERVICEABLE AND WARRANTS THEIR REPLACEMENT AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

2. (U) MISSION. MSC COMMANDERS PROVIDE FUNDING TO SUBORDINATE UNITS USING OMA FUNDS TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF THE AUTHORIZED EXCHANGE ITEMS LISTED BELOW FOR SOLDIERS THAT DEPLOYED TO OIF / OEF IN THEIR PERSONAL UNIFORMS TO INCLUDE THOSE SOLDIERS THAT HAVE SINCE LEFT THE UNIT FOR ANOTHER PERMANENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT AT ANOTHER LOCATION.

3. (U) EXECUTION. A DIRECT EXCHANGE (DX) OF THE HOT WEATHER (HW) BDU AND COMBAT BOOTS IS AUTHORIZED FOR ENLISTED AND OFFICERS THAT DEPLOYED WEARING THEIR PERSONAL HWBDU AND COMBAT BOOTS DURING OIF / OEF. THESE ITEMS WILL BE PURCHASED WITH UNIT OMA FUNDS AND WILL BE EXCHANGED ONE FOR ONE. WHILE THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS CLOTHING RECORDS, ACCOUNTABILITY WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE UNIT SUPPLY LEVEL OR THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE DX OCCURS.

3.A. (U) CONCEPT OF OPERATION.

3.A.1. (U) UNIT COMMANDERS WILL IDENTIFY BY NAME ALL SOLDIERS WHO REQUIRE REPLACEMENT BATTLE DRESS UNIFORMS. THIS WILL INCLUDE SOLDIERS THAT ARE SCHEDULED FOR OR HAVE DEPARTED ON A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION. SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS WHO ARE LEAVING THE ARMY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT UNIFORMS. IDENTIFICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED NLT 30 DAYS AFTER THE RETURN OF THE DEPLOYED UNIT TO THE USAREUR THEATER.

3.A.2. (U) UNIT COMMANDERS WILL PREPARE A MILITARY INTERDEPARTMENTAL PURCHASE REQUEST (MIPR) WITH AAFES CLOTHING SALES STORE (CSS) PROVIDING FUNDS TO COVER THE ENTIRE BDU EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT. THIS ACTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED NLT 7 DAYS AFTER IDENTIFICATION IS COMPLETE AS OUTLINED IN PARA 3.C.1.

3.B. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

3.B.1. (U) UNIT SUPPLY PERSONNEL COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL ARMY AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE (AAFES) CLOTHING SALES STORE (CSS) TO DETERMINE THE COST

ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACING SOLDIERS' UNIFORMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3.C.1. ABOVE.

3.B.2. (U) NLT THREE (3) DAYS FOLLOWING AAFES ACCEPTANCE OF THE MIPR, UNIT SUPPLY PERSONNEL COORDINATE WITH AAFES CSS FOR THE ISSUANCE / EXCHANGE OF BDU REPLACEMENT ITEMS TO THE SOLDIERS. THE NAMES AND FORWARDING UNIT ADDRESSES FOR THOSE SOLDIERS THAT HAVE LEFT THE UNIT ON A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION PRIOR TO THE UNIFORM EXCHANGE WILL BE PROVIDED TO AAFES AND COORDINATION MADE FOR AAFES TO COMPLETE THE BDU ISSUE FOR THESE SOLDIERS. IT REMAINS THE UNIT COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT DEPARTED SOLDIERS RECEIVE THEIR AUTHORIZED BDU EXCHANGE AT THE VERY EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE.

3.B.3. (U) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR EXCHANGE UPON REDEPLOYMENT TO USAREUR:

- 3.B.3.A. (U) COAT CAMOUFLAGE (HWBDU) LINE # C64956
- 3.B.3.B. (U) TROUSER CAMOUFLAGE (HWBDU) LINE # T52743
- 3.B.3.C. (U) CAP CAMOUFLAGE (HWBDU) LINE # C04479
- 3.B.3.D. (U) BOOT COMBAT, LINE # C06749

3.B.4. (U) IF ENLISTED SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS RECEIVED FOUR (4) OR MORE DESERT CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORMS OR IF THE ENLISTED SOLDIERS WERE ISSUED A SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUE OF BATTLE DRESS UNIFORMS AND COMBAT BOOTS (IAW CTA 50-900 TABLE 3) PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER RE-DEPLOYMENT FROM OIF/OEF, THEY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT EXCHANGE ANY ITEMS. COMMANDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THIS IS NOT A GRATUITOUS ISSUE AND THAT A ONE FOR ONE EXCHANGE MUST TAKE PLACE.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT. UPON COMPLETION OF A UNIT'S BDU EXCHANGE, A MEMORANDUM WILL BE SENT THROUGH THE MAJOR SUPPORT COMMAND'S G4, TO THE OFFICE OF THE USAREUR G4, ATTN: SUPPLY DIVISION, MR. CLOUSE. MEMORANDUM WILL STATE AS A MINIMUM, THE UNIT, NUMBER OF PERSONNEL REQUIRING BDU EXCHANGE AND THE NUMBER OF EXCHANGES COMPLETED.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

5.A. (U) COMMAND. N/A.

5.B. (U) SIGNAL (POINTS OF CONTACT).

5.B.1. (U) USAREUR G4, SUPPLY DIVISION, CL II, MR. JOHN CLOUSE AT DSN 370-7907 OR EMAIL: JOHN.CLOUSE@HQ.HQUSAREUR.ARMY.MIL.

5.B.2. (U) V CORPS G4, SUPPLY DIVISION, MR. GARY ORTH DSN 370-5433.

5.B.3. (U) USAREUR G4, CHIEF SUPPLY DIVISION, MR. CHRIS LOWMAN, DSN 370-8055.

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